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Kernan Announces Grant to Train 737 Workers at Frankfort's Federal-Mogul Corp.

INDIANAPOLIS— Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that Frankfort's Federal-Mogul Corp. has been awarded \$200,000 from the Indiana Department of Commerce's Skills Enhancement Fund to train 737 existing employees.

Located in Clinton County, Federal-Mogul Corp. manufactures radial lip oil seals and transmission pistons used in a wide range of vehicles, including Ford, DaimlerChrysler and Chevrolet products.

The company will use the Commerce grant to train employees in welding, forklift operation, power press measurement and coupling training following a \$3 million investment in refurbishing existing equipment and purchasing new machinery.

"Federal-Mogul Corp. is investing in its workforce at the same time it's investing in new technology, and that's a winning combination," said Kernan, who leads the state's economic development efforts. "Strong employee skills are necessary for a competitive business to excel in today's global climate and we're proud to support this company's training efforts."

Established in 1964, the Frankfort facility employs over 800 workers and is part of the global Federal-Mogul Sealing Systems group. Headquartered in Southfield, Mich., Federal-Mogul Sealing Systems group is a leading supplier of complete systems-based sealing solutions for automotive, heavy-duty and industrial applications and operates more than 150 facilities worldwide.

"A key to the continued success of the plant is the ongoing training the workforce receives. The Indiana training grant that the plant received is critical in allowing Federal-Mogul to continue to be a world-class supplier," said Chuck Hinshaw, Federal-Mogul Frankfort plant manager. "The partnership with the state allows our workforce to maintain the skills necessary for us to remain competitive. This in turn has allowed Federal-Mogul to keep good paying jobs in Indiana."

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Commerce awards Skills Enhancement Fund grants to Indiana companies that undertake capital investment projects. The grants help defray the costs of training new and current employees in basic work skills and company-specific skills necessary to support the project. Companies interested in learning more about the Skills Enhancement Fund or other Commerce programs should contact the Business Development Division at 800.463.8081, or visit the Web Site at www.indianacommerce.com.

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